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ROBERT WILLIAM LAUBER

OCTOBER 8 (legislative day, OCTOBER 1), 1951.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. MCCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1448]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 1448) for the relief of Robert William Lauber, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

AMENDMENT

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That for the purposes of sections 4 (a) and 9 of the Immigration Act of 1924, as amended, and notwithstanding the provisions of section 13 (c) of that Act, the minor child, Robert William Lauber, shall be held and considered to be the natural-born alien minor child of Sergeant and Mrs. William J. Lauber, citizens of the United States.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill, as amended, is to waive the racial barrier to admission into the United States in behalf of the minor Japanese child, Robert William Lauber. The child would be considered to be a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a minor child born in Japan of a Japanese mother and an American serviceman. He has been adopted by Sergeant and Mrs. William J. Lauber, who are citizens of the United States. Sergeant Lauber has been in the Air Force for over 8 years and he and Mrs. Lauber expect to return to their home in Englewood,

Colo., in the near future and wish to bring their adopted child with them.

Senator Edwin C. Johnson, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST AIR BASE GROUP,
APO 328 Care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., May 1, 1951.

Hon. EDWIN C. JOHNSON,
United States Senate, Washington 25, D. C.

HONORABLE MR. JOHNSON: We wish to introduce ourselves as William J. and Dolores E. Lauber. Our permanent home address is 4089 South Clarkson Street, Englewood, Colo.

On the 14th of April 1951, we completed the necessary legal transactions with the Japanese Government for the adoption of our 9-month-old boy, Robert William, for the Japan Red Cross Central Hospital of Tokyo, Japan. He was born of American occupation personnel and a Japanese mother.

The urgency of this letter is due to the fact that under the present Far East Air Force rotation system, I am due to return to the zone of interior in July 1951 and I have been unable to extend my tour of duty to assure enough time for completion of the necessary papers to permit his entering the United States.

We would appreciate it very much if you will obtain for us, not only a waiver of immigration laws to bring the child into the United States, but also, if you would introduce legislation to acquire citizenship for our adopted son. It is understood that Senator Knowland of California has already submitted a bill on behalf of an adoption by Col. Marion Tadlock, an American citizen, who is now stationed in Japan.

I am 33 years of age, and my wife is 32. We have no other children and have been married for 8 years. We own the double stucco at 4087–4089 South Clarkson Street, Englewood, Colo., and have saved over $4,000, of which most of it is in a savings accounts in my wife's name at the First National Bank, Englewood, Colo.

I have over 8 years service in the Air Force, and in January 1951, I reenlisted for an unspecified time and plan to make the Air Force my career.

Credit references may be obtained from First National Bank, Englewood, Colo.; Colorado Federal Savings & Loan Association, Denver, Colo.; The May Co., Denver, Colo., and Englewood Furniture Co., Englewood, Colo.

For character references, I offer: David F. Cameron, 2885 South Bannock Street, Englewood, Colo.; Mr. Simon Segal, 1331 East Fairfax Street, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Lillian P. Hatfield, 2815 South Broadway, Denver, Colo.; Mr. Dick Berg, 1578 South Broadway, Denver, Colo.

We will be very, very grateful for any immediate help you can give us on this matter, as this baby has grown very dear to our hearts.

We will be very happy to forward any additional information to you, that you might need.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. LAUBER,
Staff Sergeant, United States Air Force.

SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST AIR BASE GROUP,
APO 328, Care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., August 25, 1951.

Hon. EDWIN C. JOHNSON,
United States Senate, Washington 25, D. C.

HONORABLE MR. JOHNSON: I am terribly sorry to bother you again, and we do appreciate so much all you have done for us, but we are very anxious about our bill S. 1448, that you introduced into Congress for us, concerning our adopted son, Robert William Lauber.

From a letter we received from the Department of Justice and through friends at home, we understand our case has reached the important investigation phase, but as we have read in the papers that Congress is expected to adjourn in October, and we are on an indefinite extension, subject to further information, which we do not expect would carry us into next year, we are wondering if you could advise us of anyone we could contact that might help in the matter.

Should we also contact one of our State's Members of House of Representatives, for passage through the House?

If it seems impossible to you for our bill to be passed during this session, with your permission, we shall use your reply as a basis for further extension of duty here.

Thank you again for your kind consideration given us. I am happy to report, it is not only a joy to us, but our Japanese friends have been greatly impressed by the wonderful demonstration of democracy; that our Government, in such a time of world confusion, would take so much care and valuable time for such a personal problem. We shall be forever grateful.

Our APO is 328, instead of 32, to which my other letter was addressed.

Sincerely,

WILLAIM J. LAUBER,
Technical Sergeant.

6161ST AIR BASE WING,
May 1, 1951.

Subject: Character recommendation.

To: Hon. Edwin C. Johnson, United States Senate, Washington 25, D. C.

1. It is recommended that serious consideration be given the application for the adoption of a child herewith submitted by Staff Sgt. William J. Lauber and his wife.

(*a*) Both applicants possess all the necessary qualifications to assure adequate parenthood for the orphan.

(*b*) They are also prepared financially to support and educate him, and to provide a suitable home.

(*c*) The parents request approval on their own volition and to fulfill personal desires.

C. O. MILLER,
Chaplain (Captain) United States Air Force,
Wing Chaplain.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 1448), as amended, should be enacted.

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